


proposed combination of Burr, Koyama and the alleged APA. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing remarks.

### **CONCLUSION**

Having responded to all rejections set forth in the outstanding non-Final Office Action, it is submitted that claims 1-9 and 28-38 are now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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